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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

JP '534 is discussed on page 3 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

US `576 corresponds to Japanese Patent Publication No. 3-77066, which is discussed on page 37 of the specification. This document may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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